

thousand dollars in value shall be exempt from taxation," which was accepted by Mr. Grimes.

Mr. Gage then offered the following as a substitute for Mr. Grimes' amendment: "Provided such estate shall not exceed one hundred thousand dollars, and shall be subject to taxation, except what may be exempt by general laws.

On motion of Mr. Jewett, the bill, together with the amendments, was laid on the table.

Mr. Perkins, chairman of the Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported as correctly engrossed "A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Treasurer and Comptroller to pay over and deliver to Andrew Northington, assignee of the heirs of Caleb Kemp, the money and papers deposited with them by William J. Maynard, administrator of the estate of the said Caleb Kemp.

On motion of Mr. Clark, a bill to be entitled an act for the relief of the heirs of Isaac Van Zandt, deceased, was taken up and read first time.

On motion of Mr. Jewett, the rule was suspended, bill read second time and passed to a third reading.

On motion of Mr. Bourland the rule was further suspended, and bill read third time and passed.

On motion of Mr. Bourland, the Senate adjourned until tomorrow morning, 10 o'clock.

Saturday, 10 o'clock, a. m.
January 22d, 1848.

The Senate was called to order by the President.

The following Senators answered to their names:

Messrs. Abbott, Brashear, Bache, Clark, Cuny, Dancy, Gage, Grimes, Jewett, McRea, Perkins, Phillips, Wallace, Williams and Wootten—quorum present.

The Journal of the preceding day was read and adopted.

Mr. Clark, Chairman of the committee on the Judiciary made the following report:

COMMITTEE ROOM, }
 Jan. 22d, 1848. }

HON. J. A. GREER,
President of the Senate;

The Judiciary committee having considered the petition of Rhesa Green Stalcup, and Mary Ann Stalcup, of Panola county, signed by numerous citizens praying that their marriage be legalized, and that the issue of said marriage be rendered legitimate, and be made capable of inheriting their estate; instruct me to return said petition to the Senate, with the accompanying bills, the passage of which they recommend.

EDWARD CLARK, Chairman.

Mr. Abbott introduced a bill to be entitled an act to permit married women to devise their separate property—read first time.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, through their Chief Clerk, informing the Senate that the House had passed the following bills, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal the laws of the late Republic of Texas, creating a board of Medical Censors.

A bill to be entitled an act to define the county boundaries of Goliad county.

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the German Texian Friendship Association of Galveston;

Also, the following bill and joint resolutions, which originated in the Senate, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to change the name of Robert Franklin Cypert, to Robert Franklin Miller.

Joint Resolution authorizing the Adjutant General to issue a Bounty Land Warrant to Elijah D. Holland.

Joint Resolution authorizing the Commissioner of the General Land Office to issue a patent to Adolphus Sterne, assignee of Maria Josefu Sanchez; and also,

That the House had concurred in the amendments of the Senate to a bill to be entitled an act prescribing the proof necessary for the heirs or legal Representatives of those who fell under the command of Fannin, Travis, Grant and Johnson to obtain their headright certificates.

The Senate proceeded to the orders of the day.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Governor to appoint committees during the recess of the Legislature, to examine into the condition of the several departments of the Government—read second time, and

On motion of Mr. Clark, referred to the committee on State Affairs.

Joint Resolution instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives in the Congress of the United States to procure additional mail service—read second time, and

On motion of Mr. Clark, referred to the committee on State Affairs,

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the city of Galveston to appoint Firemen, and to exempt the same from Militia and Jury duty—read second time, and

On motion of Mr. Gage, referred to the committee on State Affairs

A bill to be entitled an act requiring all officers of this State to continue to perform the duties of their offices until their successors are elected and qualified according to law—read second time.

Mr. Wallace moved to amend by striking out in the 3d line after "shall" the word "continue" and insert "be hereby authorized and empowered."

On motion of Mr. Dancy, the bill together with the amendment was referred to the committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act supplementary to an act to create and organize the county of Panola—read second time, and

On motion of Mr. Gage, referred to the committee on counties and county boundaries.

A bill to be entitled an act to create the county of Cameron; read first time.

On motion of Mr. Phillips, the rule was suspended—bill read second time, and

On motion of Mr. Phillips, referred to the committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

A bill to be entitled an act to create the county of Webb—read first time,

On motion of Mr. Phillips, the rule was suspended—bill read second time, and

On motion of Mr. Phillips, referred to the committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

A bill to be entitled an act to create the county of Starr—read 1st time, and

On motion of Mr. Phillips, the rule was suspended—bill read second time, and

On motion of Mr. Phillips, referred to the committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

A bill to be entitled an act better defining the boundaries of Nueces county—read first time.

Mr. Wallace made the following report :

Committee Room, }
Jan'y. 22d, 1848. }

HON. J. A. GREER,

President of the Senate :

The committee on the Militia, to whom was referred the bill to be entitled an act to organize the Militia of Santa Fe, having examined the same, propose to strike out the third and fourth sections thereof, and recommend the passage of the amended bill.

B. R. WALLACE,
one of the Committee.

A bill to be entitled an act providing for ascertaining and classifying the debt of the late Republic of Texas—read second time, and

On motion of Mr. Jewett, referred to the committee appointed to ascertain the amount and character of the public debt of Texas.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for ascertaining the public debt of Texas—read second time, and

On motion of Mr. Perkins, referred to the same committee.

A bill to be entitled an act authorizing holders of Promissory Notes, Bonds, Funded Debt, Audited, or any other recognized or acknowledged claims against the Republic of Texas, to surrender the same, and receive in lieu thereof, Land Scrip; read second time, and

On motion of Mr. Brashear, referred to the same committee on the Public Debt.

A bill to be entitled an act to incorporate Protection Fire Company No. 1. City of Houston, together with the report of the committee on the Militia, proposing an amendment, was read, and report adopted and bill as amended passed to a third reading.

A bill to be entitled an act allowing discretion to Judges of the Supreme Court in the order of trying causes, together with the report of the committee thereon, was read and ordered to be engrossed.

On motion of Mr. Williams, the rule was suspended; bill read third time and passed.

A bill to be entitled an act to remove the disability of minority from William Stean, Jr., so as to enable him to receive his portion of the estate of his deceased parents—read third time.

The yeas and nays were called on the final passage of the bill, and stood thus:

YEAS—Messrs. Abbott, Brashear, Bache, Clark, Cuny, Jewett, McRea, Phillips, Williams and Wootten—10.

NAYS—Messrs. Dancy, Gage, Grimes, Perkins and Wallace—5.

So the bill passed.

The report of the committee on State Affairs on the following bills, viz:

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize William Primm, of Fayette county; to emancipate certain persons therein named.

A bill to be entitled an act to confer upon certain persons therein named a Sur-name.

A bill to be entitled an act to empower certain persons therein named, to inherit the estate of William Primm, and a Resolution requesting said committee to enquire into the propriety of providing by law, for the removal from the State of all negroes who are now free, or who may be emancipated hereafter, &c., was adopted by the following vote.

YEAS—Messrs. Abbott, Bourland, Brashear, Bache, Clark Cuny, Dancy, Gage, Grimes, Jewett, McRea, Perkins, Wallace, Williams and Wootten—15.

NAYS—Mr. Phillips—1.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Comptroller to sell vacant lots in the city of Austin and tract adjoining, together with report of committee on State Affairs thereon; reporting a substitute, was read—report adopted, and bill ordered to be engrossed.

Mr. Abbott, by leave, introduced a Joint Resolution requesting our Senators and Representatives in Congress to procure the passage of a law restricting the United States District Court, for the district of Texas, from trying titles to lands—read first time.

A message was received from the House of Representatives, through their Chief Clerk, informing the Senate, that the House had passed a bill to be entitled an act to authorize the Treasurer and Comptroller to pay over and deliver to Andrew Northington, assignee of the heirs of Caleb Kemp, the money and papers deposited with them, by William J. Maynard, administrator of the estate of said Caleb Kemp.

A bill to be entitle an act for the relief of the heirs of Patriek Reels, together with the report of the committee on Private Land Claims thereon—reporting substitute—was read—report adopted, and bill ordered to be engrossed.

A bill to be entitled an act to repeal the laws of the late Republic of Texas, creating a board of Medical Censors—read first time.

Mr. Perkins, Chairman of the committee on Engrossed Bills, reported "a bill to be entitled an act allowing discretion to the Judges of the Supreme Court, in the order of trying causes," correctly engrossed.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend the first section of an act entitled an act to extend to late emigrants within a specified time, a donation of land, approved Jan. 4th, 1838—was read, and

On motion of Mr. Phillips, referred to the committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Wallace offered the following as an amendment to the rules of the Senate, viz: "The Senate, during the residue of the present session of the Legislature, shall regularly adjourn until 9 o'clock, a. m., of the next ensuing business day, unless a different time be specified in the motion to adjourn."

On motion of Mr. Dancy, laid upon the table.

On motion of Mr. Dancy, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.